

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

These amendments refer to the text published as US 2004/0213646 A1.

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FIG. 4 depicts the threaded surface 40 in greater detail. As shown therein, the threaded surface 40 is provided with a plurality of thread configurations 41, 42, 43. The threaded surface 40 is provided with a locking thread 41. FIG. 5 depicts a cross-sectional view of a plurality of locking threads 41 in greater detail. As depicted in FIG. 5, the locking thread 41 is provided with a plurality of angled surfaces 44, 46. In the preferred embodiment, the locking thread 41 is provided with a first angled surface 44 and a second angled surface 46. Advantageously, the first angled surface 44 is at an angle 100 with respect to the second angled surface 46 ranging between 30° to 70°, preferably 60°.

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In the preferred embodiment the u-bolt is fabricated from steel having a preferred orientation or texture. The u-bolt 5 depicted in FIGS. 143 and 143A is provided with a longitudinal axis 12. The u-bolt 5 is made of high strength steel having steel grains 15 with a preferred orientation or texture. In the preferred orientation, the steel grains 15 of u-bolt 5 are substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis 12 (see FIG. 123A).

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